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PLENTY OF WORK ON THE FARMS.

By Secretary James Wilson. The productiveness of the United States along agricultural lines is not keeping pace with the growth of our population. Meats are dear because the slaughtering animals are falling behind the population in relative numbers. Labor is scarce on the farm, and labor is dear on the farm because the factory, the forest, the mine and the railroad are taking away the farmer's workers through wages fixed at rates which the farmer caunot afford to pay.

The population of the United

SECRETARY WILSON. States is growing both by reason of the natural increase of the families domiciled in America and by accretions through immigration from abroad. But the immigrants do not reach to the farm. The farmers who do come to us from foreign countries do not find their way to the farms of the country; and the immigration laws prevent American farmers from going to foreign countries and selecting there the prospective immigrants whose services could aid them. At no period of our history has the American farmer

needed help so much as he needs it this year. There are said to be hundreds of thousands of idle men in the United States, all of whom could secure employment on the farms-employment affording food, shelter and living

UNREASONABLE DELAYS OF OUR COURTS. By William H. Taft.

One reason for unreasonable delay in the lower courts is the disposition of the judges to wait an undue length of time in the writing of their opinions or judgments. I speak with confidence on this point, for I have sinned myself. In English courts the ordipary practice is for the judge to deliver his opinion immediately upon the close of the argument, and this is the practice which right to be enforced as far as possible in our courts of first instance.

It is a great deal more important that the court of first instance should decide promptly than that it should decide right. Such practice of deciding cases at the close of the hearing makes the judge very much more attentive to the argument during its presentation, and much more likely to decide right when the evidence and the arguments are fresh in his mind.

In the Philippines the system has been adopted of refusing a judge his regular monthly stipend unless he can file certificate, with the receipt for the money, in which he certifies on honor that he had disposed of all the business submitted to him within the previous sixty days. | immigration question.

This has bad a marvelously good effect in keeping the dockets of the court clear.

One of the great difficulties with the profession of the law, whether the members are judges or advocates, is the disposition to treat the litigants as made for the courts and the lawyers, and not the courts and lawyers as made for the litigants. And as it is lawyers who in judicial committees of the legislature draft the codes of procedure, there is too frequently not present in as strong impelling force as it might be the motive for simplifying the procedure and making the final disposition of cases as short as possible.

OUTRAGE OF CHILD LABOR.

By Dr. P. W. Gunsaulus.

The American hand is a very valuable

item for industry and skilled achievement you cannot have a good American hand by taking the little American child and overworking that child in handlwork or making him a part of a great machine where his hand is permitted to perform monotonous labor. The American head is more important than the American hand for planning and adding thought to hand labor; and you cannot have a good American head by taking the child from school and stunting mental growth by making the child a cog in even the fluest machinery of what is called civilization. The American heart is still more important than the American head, and no State can ever prosper in the higher things-and the lower things always get their value from the higher things-which persistently permits the incursion of greed over the heart of childhood.

No federal interference is so terrible in my eyes as the permission upon the part of the nation that little children be practically enslaved to mere money making. The needs of the families of the poor must be relieved in some other way than compelling or allowing children to dispose of their childhood, with its freshness and dream, in order to maintain any system or institution or business whatsoever.

EXCLUDE CHINESE COOLIES ONLY.

By Seth Low, President of Columbia.

I am in favor of the purpose, but not the form, of the Chinese exclusion act. It is an insult to an old, wise and proud race such as the Chinese to exclude their students and great men from our shores. I am in sympathy with the great object of the Chinese exclusion act—to keep the Pacific coast free from the numerical preponderance of an Asiatic population. If there ever was a matter of public policy in which the "undesirable ciffzen" doctrine should be enforced to the limit, it is the

BARBERRIES.

In scarlet clusters o'er the gray stone wall The barberries lean in thin autumnal Just when the fields and garden-plots

And ere the green leaf takes the tint of

They come to make the eye a festival! Along the road, for miles, their torches

The rosy tramps of turnpike and of September's blushes. Ceres' lips aglow,

Little Red-Ridinghoods, for your sweet But your plebelan beauty is in vain.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich.



The Gratitude of a Squaw

"There, Bobby There, Kitty! Papa has played long enough. Run away now, or we won't have any wood to burn next winter." And, clapping his and seizing his axe, Mr. Joiner started

for the forest, on the edge of which stood his little home, far down in the southern part of Alabama.

Bobby ran after him shouting: "Paoa, papa, let me go wif you. I'll be a

"Come along then," answered his father, "but hurry now, I'm very late."

And off they went, Bobby carrying his toy hatchet over his shoulder as his father carried his axe.

Bobby played about happily for a long time, now trying to cut down little trees with his hatchet, now hunting for wild grapes, and now peering into holes after rabbits; but at last, growing tired-for he was only four years old-he said:

"Papa, I reckon I'll go home now to e mamma and get somefing to eat. I'll carry her some fat lightwood to kindle her fire wif." And filling his boy?" arms with small sticks of pitch pine, Bobby started off.

His father watched him a moment; but, seeing that he was in the right path to the house, he went on with his work until the horn called him home to dinner. Kitty ran to meet him, but Bobby was nowhere to be seen.

A few questions and answers told the father that he had not been home, and, without waiting for his dinner. he turned back into the forest. He ward home, and he began a search among the trees on either side. After of lightwood which Bobby was carrying home to his mother flung on the ground, evidently by an older hand and longer arm than Bobby's; but no other or trace could be find. The ground all about was covered thickly with soft pine needles, which would a shout of joy he sprang into his mothnot only deaden the sound of footsteps. but would make no impression of them. He kept up the search, however, until darkness came upon him, when he returned home, hastily snatched a little food, and started for the home of his nearest neighbor to ob-tain help in his search.

Days and weeks passed. Neighbors

and friends for miles around had you will tell us where you found our hunted for the lost boy, but could find boy." not even a clue to his whereabouts, and hope of ever seeing him again was tell," she said. "Great chief kill me well-nigh abandoned. Cold weather was if he know I steal the boy. He like

to his wood-chopping. Mrs. Joiner was busy in the kitchen one forenoon when a shadow darkened boy, but-" and, shaking her head in the window, and she glanced up to see a meaning way, she swiftly disappearan Indian squaw looking in upon her, ed in the forest, and no one in the Ah, if your deep-sea coral were but rare She held a pappoose in her arms in-(The damask rose might envy it withal) stead of carrying it in the customary again.—Every Other Sunday. What bards had sung your praises long way upon her back, and her eyes wore such a troubled look that Mrs. Joiner oned her in, first making sure that the door into the bedroom where Kitty

and the baby were sleeping was closed "Me got sick pappoose," said the squaw, stopping in the doorway. "You make her well?"

"I'll try," answered Mrs. Joiner. "Let me see the baby. What is the matter with him?" and she pulled aside the blanket covering the pap-

"Him bery sick. Him choke. Him no bref," said the mother, anxiously. Mrs. Joiner took the baby in her arms and listened to his labored breathing. "It's not croup," she said at last, "though it soon would have been if you had not brought him to me. May I put him into a warm bath?" For the poor little wretch was dirty to the last

Gaining the mother's consent, she stripped the baby, put him into a hot bath, and, when his breathing seemed easier, she wrapped him in warm, clean flannels belonging to her own children, rubbed his chest with goose grease, and administered medicine and food.

The little pappoose slept until nearly night, and when, on his waking, his mother would have taken him and departed, both Mr. and Mrs. Joiner insisted that she should remain all night and sleep on the kitchen floor.

"Your baby will be sick again if you take him out now," said Mrs. Joiner, "and he may die. Stay here to-night." And she stayed.

In the morning the little Indian was bright and lively, laughing and crowing like any healthy, happy baby. Mrs. Joiner cuddled and petted him until the squaw said:

"You like my boy? You got no "No," answered Mrs. Joiner. "I had one, but he got lost last summer, and

we never could find him." The woman started, then said: "How old you boy? What like him? Got blue eye? Curls on head? Walk

straight-head up?" "Oh, yes, yes," answered Mrs. Join-"Where is he? Do you know? Can you take me to him? Quick!

"I find he. You make my boy well. soon reached the spot where he had I find yours. I go, but I come again the child as he trudged to. soon. Trust me." And the squaw went swiftly into the forest, carrying her pappoose on her back, and leaving time he discovered the tiny armfule Mrs. Joiner almost wild between hope and fear.

A week passed, and the squaw had not reappeared; but toward night, near the end of the second week, she came silently into the kitchen door, leading by the hand the lost boy. With er's arms and buried his face in her

In the joyful tumult which followed the squaw turned and was stealing away as silently as she had come, when Mrs. Joiner ran after and de-"Wait!" she said. "You must have

The woman shook her head. "Me no close at hand, and Mr. Joiner had gone boy. He want make him big chief. Me no tell. You good to me and my pappoose, and me tank you. Me get your neighborhood ever saw or heard of her

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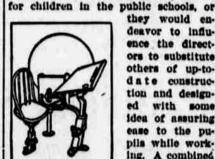
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DESK AND CHAIR.

receptacle proper lines is shown here, patented by an Alabama man. The desk is adjustable, so also are the chair and the receptacle, the latter providing a convenient place at the side of the chair on which to place the books, papers and similar articles. Both the desk and the chair can be adjusted to accommodate children of varying degrees. All three of the parts are connected by iron bars, so that they cannot be easily separated after once adjusted.

King Edward as a Parmer. The rich crop of prizes which the king's cattle and sheep have won at the Bingley Hall show, Birmingham. is the latest demonstration of his success as a farmer, of which he is so deserved-

When the king began breeding nearly forty years ago the Sandringham farm lands were in an almost hopeless condition, barren and barely capable of cultivation. To-day, according to Rider Haggard, "it is a wonderul farm, for nowhere is so much high-bred stock to be seen on the same area."

But probably nowhere will you find such an array of plates and cups won at shows as that which Sandringham boasts. At a single exhibition the king once won no fewer than fourteen first prizes. In 1903 he captured five first prizes and cups, in addition to numerous seconds and thirds; in 1904 his prizes numbered twenty, in 1905 he won champion plate, a challenge cup and eighteen other prizes, including four firsts, while last year be took at the Smithfield show ten firsts, nine "breed" cups and plates, six other prizes and several "highly commendeds," and every prize winner he has bred himself .-Westminster Gazette.

Rubber in Hawaii.

The rubber in Hawaii is still in the experimental stage, but experts believe the opportunities for profit are going to be large. Preliminary experiments by the government indicate a high yield from even young trees. Over 400,000 rubber trees have been planted in the islands, and still other plantations are being established.

When a man walks along the street between two women, he has every ap-pearance of being under arrest. food and stay the night with us, and

NOW THE HOBOS RIDE FREE.

They Have Various Ways of Travel-

ing-But All Are Full of Danger. Everybody knows that there is a class of people called hobos. Every-body has heard of almost unbelievable trips, completed in almost unbelievable time, considering that not a cent of railroad fare is ever paid.

In the first place all railroads are classified among the fraternity of bobos as either good or bad.

On "good" roads the crews are lax in the enforcement of their orders relative to keeping men off their trains, and there are not many railroad detectives or "bulls" as they are called.

in a measure at least, to keep the able over the water tank or in the tramps off their trains, and there are coal. a host of detectives.

The first move on the part of a mar who wishes to bent it out of a town is to go down to the rallroad yards and locate a freight made up to go his way, that is, of course, if he wishes to travel by freight. His further action depends entirely upon the classification and the position of the train. If it be and wait quietly until the train pulls learn, on the authority of the minister not an object.

Should he, however, consider it unwise to make the train in the yards, the soil in the center undisturbed, so or should there be no empty cars, his

next choice would probably be the

cars they are barely three inches wide,

The hobo who intends to make the

bumpers walks down the track a few

he may assume an air of nonchalance

to throw the crew off its guard. As

the train approaches he steps along-

side the track and waits for "his car,"

which he has previously sized up, to

come abreast of him. As it passes he

runs alongside, grabs for the handles,

and swings himself up to the steps

Then he crawls up between the cars

It is a dangerous position, especially

unison between them. Nevertheless a

ful eyes of the crews. This is com-

paratively easy under the cover of darkness, but in the daytime the "bo"

must take advantage of any strate-

gically placed box car or pile of ties

for concealment until the train comes

for in such an event he could be seen

from the top of the train as he stepped

As a car with good rods comes he

the car door comes even with him be

clutches the handle in the middle and

with a springing jump he lands with

his feet upon the outer rod. From

this position he stoops down and

reaches underneath the car to grass

some of the mechanism of the air

brake in order to steady himself

while he crawls down beneath the car

and stretches himself along the rods

This is probably the most dangerous

of any way to ride. A man's position

is cramped and uncomfortable. The

constant passing of innumerable ties

and the monotonous click of the

wheels over the rails make one care-

less and drowsy. And the cinders

The blind baggage is the most rid-

den part of a passenger train. On

most fast trains there is a vestibuled

door on the end of the baggage or

mail car next to the tender. And this

door is invariably locked. To be sure,

the crews have a key to the door and

sometimes, if they see a man making

and dust are blinding.

out.

nothing by the seasoned hobo.

bumper of each car.

scarcely more than a narrow block.

of cars are ridden, but the hobe pre

The hobo who wants to make the blind hovers about some stopping place of the passenger, eather a station or a water tank, usually choosing a train which will arrive so that darkness may cover his movements. As the train starts he steps out from some cover up ahead of the train and climbs up between the tender and the first car by means of the step on the end of the tender. Then, if the car is vestibuled, he stands with his back against the door. If not it is a simflar experience to riding the bumpers on a freight train, only the car is fitted with better springs and runs smoothly. On "bad" roads the crews attempt, the tender and make himself comfort-From the blind he may crawl up onto

MAY FIRES.

Ancient Scotch Custom Which Involved Human Sacrifice.

Sir John Sinclair's "Statistical Account of Scotland" contains notices of many old customs, which still continof the road, the layout of the yards ued to be observed in the Highlands, though they were even then fast dying a good road and the yards are not hose out. From the eleventh volume of that tile, then he is likely to climb into an great work, which was published in empty box car, softly close the door 1791 and the succeeding years, we out. This is the simplest and most of Callender, Perthshire, that the boys desirable manner of riding, if time is of the township assembled in a body upon the moors on May day and proceeded to dig a circular trench, leaving as to form a low table of green turf

HOW THE HOBOS PLAY THE TOURIST ON THE TRAINS.



sufficient in size to accommodate the whole party.

They lighted a fire and prepared a custard of milk and eggs and a large ontmeal cake, which they baked upon a stone placed in the embers. When they had caten the custard, they divided the cake into as many equal portions as "bumpers." The "bumpers" are the projections on the end of a freight car | there were persons in the assembly and just above the coupling block. On daubed one of those pieces with charcoal until it was perfectly black. The the whole width of the car. On other they placed all the pieces of the cake together in a bonnet, and each in turn drew one blindfolded, the holder of the bonnet being entitled to the last piece. The boy who drew the blackened portion was destined to be sacrificed and hundred feet ahead of the locomotive and waits for the train to pass him. was compelled to leap three times through the flames. He may see some cover for hiding, or

Although the ceremony had degenerated into a mere pastime for boys, it is evident that it must once upon a time have involved the actual sucrifice of a human being in order to render the coming summer fruitful.-Gentleman's Magazine.

SIX YARDS OF ROOSTER.

and stands with one foot on the People used to doubt the existence f the fowl with a tail 18 feet long. but here is the evidence that it is not on fast freights, for the cars, una creation of the fancy. This bird is a equipped with the absorbing springs rooster with a tail fully six yards in with which passenger coaches are length. It is Japanese and the species fitted, sway and jerk and jounce is known as the Onagadori. Fowl of alarmingly, and there is no hint of



LONG-TAILED COCK OF JAPAN.

this kind are not known now anywhere outside of Japan, though they had their origin in Corea, where they were kuown as the To-maru.

Pretty Mean.

"He's the meanest man I ever knew." "That so?" "Yes. Just to show what he can do,

he takes a pair of field glasses to the ball game every afternoon and puts in half his time searching the stands for some of his employes."-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Diplomacy. Delia-Ye can get a suit just like

your missis' velvet wan for tin dollars in Bargain Brown Brothers. Norah-Yes, an' I can get wan for nuthin' by telling me missis about the

wan in Bargain Brown Brothers.—Har-

the blind at a stop they open it and put him off-"ditch him," the hobo per's Weekly.

calls it. Some cars, however, are fitted up with one end made without a door, only a "blind" end. Both corts Women spend money on some things as worthiese as whisky.